

## CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Service Hour Opportunity

For those candidates interested in volunteering at the St. Patrick's Women Guild Penny Sale during the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, please contact Therese Soucy at 635-3525.

There will be an opportunity to assist in preparing straws for Family Fun Day on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Parish Center. If interested, please contact Lynne Lindsay at 635-2085 to sign-up.

## WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Lent is a time of Penance and Prayer but as wives, mothers, taxi drivers, business women, caregivers, we don't often find quiet time, much less quiet space, to reflect and pray. On March 28<sup>th</sup> we will be given an opportunity to have that time and space to set aside and respond to Jesus' invitation to "come away and pray with me." Sister Claire Provost, P.M. is head of the local community of sisters at Presentation of Mary of Hudson, NH. She holds a Master's Degree in Spirituality from Providence College, has taught for 28 years and has been a Campus Minister and Parish Associate. She also teaches classes in meditative prayer. Sister Claire is coming to share reflections and prayer with us on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the talks and discussion will be: What must I do to *live lent*? How does prayer change my life? Lent is a time to praise and raise our heart to God...do I want to do that? The day of Recollection will begin with registration at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center followed by a talk at 10:30 AM, discussion, and a light lunch served around noon. A second talk will be given after lunch with time for discussion and reflection, and the day will culminate with the 4:00 PM mass for all who can attend. There is no charge for attendance but a free will offering will be collected. Won't you set aside this day to join with other women of St. Patrick Parish to renew, reflect and pray together? Early registration will assist us in estimating food. Please contact **Therese Soucy** at 635-3525 or **Paulette Jacobs** at 635-3908. You can also register on the parish website.

## MARION MASS

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, there will be a Marion Mass and breakfast with Bishop McCormack at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Mass is at 8:30 AM. If you are interested in attending this Mass, please contact Therese Soucy during the day at 635-3525 or nights 635-2117. We will gather as a group and carpool up to the Mass. Please respond by April 24<sup>th</sup> as a count needs to be sent to the Diocese.

## EASTER BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA!

Back by popular demand, we are once again conducting our Easter basket campaign. Last year's drive was a huge success, enabling us to deliver 140 baskets to area children who otherwise may not have received baskets at all. We contacted 3 of the shelters we delivered baskets to last year and they were happy and grateful to be included again. This year we will also try to reach local families in need through St Patrick Food Pantry & the Good Neighbor Fund. We will be collecting the baskets Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> with drop-off in the Chapel. Please contact Cheryl at 635-3610 or [cdbrunelle@comcast.net](mailto:cdbrunelle@comcast.net) for details or if you are interested in donating baskets that are age or gender specific. Thank you for joining us in this fun project.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink whatever you do for the least of my brothers, so you do unto me." As Catholics we are prompted time and again to reach out to others: to give, to share, and to care for each other. Lent is a perfect time to reaffirm this commitment. There are opportunities to help serve meals at shelters or meal centers, to sort perishable foods and to pass out goods at soup kitchens, and to help at St Patrick's Food Pantry. There are no time requirements, but we are asked to schedule dates and times. Anyone interested in helping can contact Cheryl at 635-3610 or [cdbrunelle@comcast.net](mailto:cdbrunelle@comcast.net) for details. Inquiries for St Pat's Food Pantry may also be directed to Marietta at 635-2671.

## MS FUNDRAISER

Come one, come all!! Please join us for a Spaghetti Supper with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Adults are \$6.00, Seniors and Children are \$5.00. There will be photos with the Easter Bunny and raffles. The money raised at this event is going toward MS. One of our parishioners, Daniel Bishop who is 18 and attends UNH, was diagnosed with MS this past fall and he is raising money for MS Research. Please look in the bulletin next week for more information.

Next weekend the **Blood Pressure Clinic** will be held in the Sacristy. All are welcome to come and have their Blood Pressure checked.

**The Pelham Food Pantry** is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We are in need of **Canned Fruit** and **Cereal**. If you would like to make a donation or donate any items, please call Marietta Potter at 635-2671.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar. 16, 2009	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 305	\$ 4,686
Loose	\$ 882
<b>Sub-Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,568</b>
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
<b>Parish Deficit (YTD)</b>	<b>\$37,075</b>
Groundskeeping	\$ 1,963
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,855</b>



### Sunday, March 22

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM

Religious Education Classes, 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon

### Wednesday, March 25

Bible Study, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

RCIA, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Knights of Columbus Officers, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

### Thursday, March 26

Blood Drive, 3:00 PM, in the parish center

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

### Friday, March 27

Fish Fry, 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Alpha, 6:15 PM, in the K of C Hall

Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, in the church

### SEDER-MEAL

On Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, as part of our Lenten observances, we are planning a modified Seder Meal, which will show the inter-relationship between the Jewish and Christian traditions. The story of how the Jewish people were freed from being slaves in Egypt will be told. We will relate what Jesus did with His Apostles on Holy Thursday and what the early Church did. Following this service of eating lamb, bitter herbs, parsley and matzah, we will have a potluck supper. Please watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for more information and a contact number to sign up for the Seder Meal and Pot Luck Supper.

Congratulations to the fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls who played on the St. Patrick Parish CYO Girls Mites team this season. The squad went all the way to the State Championships game but lost to the girls of St. Elizabeth Seton. Congratulations to all the girls for an excellent season.

### A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

This week I will be in and out and will be having a number of my brother Priests covering for me. On Monday I will be here, Tuesday, Fr. Eric Delisle will be covering the morning Mass but regrettably there will be no evening Mass this week. On Wednesday Fr. Marcel Allard will be celebrating Mass, Thursday Fr. Roger Hall OFM the Pastor of St. Thomas in Derry will have the morning Mass. Friday I return for about 12 hours and will be saying the morning Mass. The Stations of the Cross on Friday evening will be lead by Ann Kater however there will be no Benediction. For the weekend Fr. Jason Jalbert will be celebrating the Masses. Fr. Jason is the Diocesan Vocation Director and the head of the Office of Worship. Fr. Marcel Allard joins us again on Monday to celebrate the 8'0 clock Mass and if everything works out I will be back in the saddle on Tuesday at 8:00 AM.

Recently a number of parishioners have come up to me with a concern about wheat allergies and with the reception of Holy Communion. We have received special host which are liturgically approved for these parishioners. If you have these allergies please **stop by the sacristy before Mass** so I can make the proper arrangement for you to receive one of these special host.

In the bulletin you will find some information about a modified Seder Meal on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Please consult that section of the bulletin for more information.

Now that March has come in as a Lion hopefully it will calm down and we will have the promise of spring. As you may have noticed the offertory over the winter has had a significant drop. Any help in catching up with missed envelopes would be deeply appreciated.

Take care

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**The Knights of Columbus** are looking for an upright freezer, for little cost or donated, please call Frank Maglio at 635-2251.

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## **ST. PATRICK SCHOOL**

St. Patrick School is now accepting applications for enrollment for 2009-2010 school year for grades K-8.

### **PRE-K PROGRAM**

St. Patrick School is tentatively considering offering a pre-K program in September, 2009. Pre-K children would have to be **4 years of age by September 30, 2009**, and also be **toilet-trained**. The same *criteria for acceptance* that guides us for students at all grade levels will be utilized for the pre-Kindergarten program.

The projected pre-K program would follow our annual school calendar, and these students would also be allowed to participate in our extended-day (before and after-care) programs if necessary. The daily times for the program would be the same as the times for the other students...8:45 AM to 2:50 PM. The tuition rate will be set as the budget for next year becomes clearer and receives Diocesan approval. The tuition rate will definitely be competitive (and probably lower) than the rates set by other local private pre-Kindergarten programs, and the student-teacher ratio will likewise be in accordance with stat standards. More information will be forwarded as the process unfolds.

If you (or someone that you know) are interested in being considered for the pre-K program, kindly notify the school office at 635-2941.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** each week the 4:00 PM Mass is shown live on channel 22 on Comcast and 5-6 times during the week. We are in need of volunteers to work the cameras during the Mass. If interested, please contact Dennis Hogan through the rectory office at 635-3525. We will provide training. The times that the 4:00 PM mass is rebroadcast is Sunday 7:00 PM, Monday 1:00 PM, Tuesday 7:00 AM, Wednesday 1:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM, Friday 4:00 AM and 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:00 PM and LIVE at 4:00 PM.

### **THE PENNY SALE IS COMING..... THE PENNY SALE IS COMING**

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 15<sup>th</sup> Penny Sale on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Africa, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate items to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office in the rectory basement or call Therese Soucy at 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

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*"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn 3:20-21*

**Monday March 23**

8:00 AM Rev. Francis Clifford

**Tuesday March 24**

8:00 AM Yvonne Maglio, 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday,  
requested by her family

6:30 PM No Mass

**Wednesday March 25**

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx, requested by  
Dennis & Irene Groulx

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament

**Thursday March 26**

8:00 AM For all souls

**Friday March 27**

8:00 AM Dorothy Matthews requested by  
Barbara & John Lesniak

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday March 28**

4:00 PM Gertrude Dionne requested by the  
Bedard family

**Sunday March 29**

8:00 AM Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 AM Eric Richer, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
Requested by his wife, daughter,  
family & friends

11:00 AM Fernand Marcoux, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Anniversary, requested by his  
wife & family



This week the second collection will be for **Catholic Relief/Home Mission**. Next week the collection will be for **Religious Education**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**REMEMBRANCE**

Please remember to keep Dorothy Matthews and Linda Bousquet-Fisher in your prayers.

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